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Ms. Caroline Ducros
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission – Environmental Assessment Division
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Subject: Notice of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories proposal for a near surface disposal facility on the Chalk River Laboratories property and closure of the Nuclear Power Demonstration site near Rolphton, ON

Ms. Ducros,

The following is a response to your letter dated June 1, 2016, regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Proposals for the Nuclear Power Demonstration Closure Project and the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project near Rolphton ON, and on the Chalk River Laboratories site, respectively. In this letter, you invite us to comment on the project descriptions. We apologize for the delay, and acknowledge that this response will arrive after the deadline of June 27, 2016 mentioned in your letter.

We would like to take this opportunity to voice our concerns related to these two projects. The Chalk River Laboratories Site is located in close proximity to natural waterways such as Perch Lake, Maskingonge Lake, and the Ottawa River, and as such we are deeply concerned about potential impacts of nuclear waste on the health of these waterways. For the Anishinaabe peoples, water is sacred and essential for all life. We request that both of these projects apply the most modern and stringent environmental protection measures to ensure that radioactive pollution does not enter our waterways. We also ask for a copy of the Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements for these two projects, when completed.

We wish to reiterate that Kitigan Zibi never gave up nor sold our traditional ancestral territory. Our territory has never been under treaty and is subject to Algonquin Aboriginal Title. This implies the need for our consent and revenue sharing for all development projects on our lands.

Please accept my best regards,
<Original signed by>

Jean Guy Whiteduck
Chief of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg